GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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IMPROVEMENT OF ABILITIES OF COAST GUARD
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coast Guard has a few officers seconded from the Indian Navy;

(b) whether studies have shown that this percentage must be enhanced to broad-base the Coast Guard;

(c) the extent to which the Coast Guard is bereft of talent and required personnel;

(d) whether the Government propose to consider ways and means to improve the abilities and also increase the abilities of Coast Guard Officers; and

(e) the steps proposed to have more interaction and personnel inter-change between the Coast Guard and the Navy?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Coast Guard is not bereft of talent and with the present complement of officers and enrolled personnel, it is fully capable of meeting its responsibilities. Posts of medical officers will continue to be filled on deputation, since the Coast Guard does not have a medical cadre.

(d) The present set of training arrangements to improve abilities of Coast Guard officers is adequate.

(e) Deputation of Naval Officers to the Coast Guard and vice versa, against specialised appointments, is already in place.